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Sancoff et al.

Conf. No.: 4207

Application No.: 10/014,991

Art Unit: 3731

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METHOD OF USE

**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF CHANGE OF ENTITY STATUS**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This letter is being sent to notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office that the entity status of the above referenced patent application is being changed to large entity.

If you need anything further, please contact the undersigned attorney or agent. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Dated: September 28, 2004

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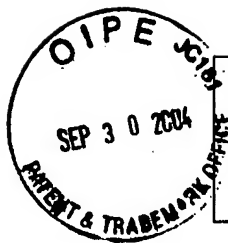
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.